



Pierce Transit
Community Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Virtual Meeting via Zoom/phone
Minutes – September 24, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:38 PM.

ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

CTAG Members Present: Jeff Freedman, Paul Crandall, Cody Bakken, Hongda Sao, Blake Geyen, Sandy Paul, Denise Edington (joined late)

CTAG Members Absent: Don Green, Antoinette Craig

Pierce Transit Employees Present: Penny Grellier (Community Development Administrator)

Guest: Liz Ellis, Sound Transit

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jeff motioned to approve the August 27 minutes as written. Cody seconded. Approved.

CTAG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cody reported on the following:

- Commerce Waterwall final design presentation on October 8, installation to begin this Autumn
- BRT Committee will next meet in November

Blake was unable to attend the August meeting of Tacoma Area Coalition on Disabilities, next meeting later this month

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment transpired.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hilltop Link Update

Liz Ellis from Sound Transit gave a presentation on the Hilltop Link light rail extension. She explained the route, station locations, installation of 4 supportive electrical substations, current status of construction and marketing and promotion of local small businesses along the route. She included information on COVID impact on schedule and contractor safety protocols.

Online application and member recruitment

Penny reminded the group that 4 members' terms are ending December 31, 2020 with Sandy and Hongda leaving the group. Don has not yet confirmed he will leave his position. We shall open recruitment in early October and have applications due November 20. Penny showed the group the new online form, which they

approved. Penny will work with PT marketing and Social Media staff to promote the opportunity. Penny encouraged CTAG members to reach out to groups they are affiliated with to spread the word, especially if they can interest a student representative (high school or college). CTAG members can assist with interviews in early December, probably online. Contact were offered to Penny (listed below).

MEMBER DELIBERATION

Sandy notified the group about a City Club candidates' forum she attended because the candidates discussed their opinions on transit. The forum is available to view online at City Club website. Sandy informed the group that the League of Women Voters is hosting other forums that may be of interest.

PIERCE TRANSIT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Penny updated the group on Sept. 20 service changes
- Penny reported back on Cody's question of any air quality safety measures taken during recent wildfire smoke. Impact on ridership will not be known until those numbers become available after October 5, and no impacts were felt on our base remodel construction since outdoor construction was not scheduled that week.

Note: CTAG webpage now has updated agendas and minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:57PM

Submitted by:

Penny Grellier, Community Development Administrator

Approved by:

Sandy Paul, CTAG Chair

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